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31 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DOD Assignment of Officer Personnel Outside the
Department for Duty.

25X1A 1. At my request a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Robert Gilliat, Office of General Counsel, who is sitting for Frank Bartimo, Assistant General Counsel, Manpower; Miss Carole Frings, Office of General Counsel; and Mr. "Red" Morrison, Chief of Manpower, DOD, to review a request of Senator Symington, Acting Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, to the Department for the numbers of officers and duty assignments of officer personnel assigned outside the Department of Defense for duty. The meeting was held in Mr. Bartimo's office, Room 3E977 in the Pentagon, at 10:00 a.m. 31 July 1973. It was attended by [REDACTED] Associate General Counsel, and myself.

2. Mr. Gilliat explained that there are actually two requests within DOD at the present time. A second one, in addition to the Symington request, is from Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) for the names of officer personnel assigned outside the Department. The letter itself has not yet arrived in General Counsel. After discussion of the problems involved in reporting of personnel assigned in classified activities, it was agreed that an attempt would be made to put all officers assigned in classified activities in a single category. It was requested that the Agency provide the number of officers assigned as of 1 July broken down by military department and that the specific DOD project designators be identified.

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3. Later in the day I called Morrison and gave him the Air Force designators [REDACTED] which covers officer and enlisted personnel assigned to the Agency, and [REDACTED] which covers officer and enlisted personnel "assigned for duty with" the Agency. After checking with [REDACTED] MPB, and Robert Wattles, A/DDM&S, I gave Miss Frings the following breakdown: 25X1A

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4. Miss Frings told me that she had done quite a bit of research during the afternoon and had identified several instances where the Department had responded to similar inquiries using the general title "classified activities" as a designator. She will prepare the departmental response to Senator Symington using this single designator to include not only officer personnel assigned to this Agency but also such other personnel as may be assigned outside the Department in classified activities. Miss Frings will advise me before the final response is dispatched to Senator Symington.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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